TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, the 13th August, 1923.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-thirty of the Clock. The President was in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12*—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Statistics of Appointments.

154. MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of the percentages of appointments in the different departments based on the percentage of literates to the whole population?

(*b*) If the information about all departments is too difficult to tabulate, will the Government be pleased to give such a statement at least in respect of the Sanitary Department, as before and after 1095?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The Government do not propose to collect the information, as in their opinion the time and labour involved is out of proportion to its utility.

(*b*) A statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

Christians in Service.

155. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the Christians of Neyyattinkara to the effect that the members of their

* *Vide* Appendix—page 678.

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[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

community who are qualified to enter Government service are not entertained in the service, in spite of repeated applications to the educational authorities; and

(*b*) whether any steps have been taken by the Government in regard to the representation made at the last session of the Popular Assembly by Mr. S. M. Fernando, nominated member, on the above subject?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) No special steps are called for.

Disafforestation of Reserves.

156. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of acres of arable lands included in the various reserved forests with the names of the taluks in which they are situated, which have hitherto been proposed to be registered by the several Disafforestation Committees?

(*b*) Have the Government appointed any such committee for the taluks north of Kottayam?

(*c*) Are the Government aware that there are many plots of land in the hills of Muvattupuzha, Todupuzha and Kunnatnad which, though fit for cultivation, are now included in the reserves?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to appoint immediately such committees for these taluks also?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Only the reports of two committees, *viz.*, those for the Devicolam and Peermade taluks, have so far been received by the Government and they are under consideration. Particulars of the areas suggested by the committees for disafforestation are given below:—

	Name of Taluk.	*Name of reserve.*	*Approximate area proposed to be disafforested.*
			Acres.
1.	Devicolam	Cardamom Hills Reserve.	1,150
2.	Peermade	Do.	790
3.	Do.	Periyar Lake Reserve	210

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*d*) A G. O. is under issue for the constitution of committees for the taluks of Kunnatnad, Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha.

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